

**875—177.3 (90A) Equipment specifications.****177.3(1) Ring requirements.**

- a. Size.* The cage shall not be less than 16 nor more than 36 feet square.
- b. Enclosure.* The ring shall be equipped with an enclosure to limit persons from being tossed from the ring. The enclosure shall be at least 6 feet high. The enclosure shall consist of supports and enclosing material. The supports shall be constructed of rigid material not more than 4 inches in diameter. The supports shall be fastened securely to the floor or to the other supports. The supports shall be protected by padding to avoid injury to any contestants striking the supports. The enclosing material shall have openings not to exceed 4 inches in any direction. The enclosing material shall not be rigid and shall deflect at least ½ inch when ten pounds of pressure are exerted upon any point. All sharp objects or protrusions shall be protected with padding.
- c. Height.* The ring shall not be elevated more than 3½ feet above the floor. Suitable steps for the use of contestants shall be provided.
- d. Ring floor.* The ring floor shall be padded to the thickness of at least 1 inch with insulite or other soft materials to be approved by the commissioner. A canvas covering stretched tightly and laced to the ring platform shall cover the padding.
- e. Ring approval.* The promoter shall make the ring and ring enclosure system available in the state of Iowa for inspection by the commissioner at least ten days prior to any event. The specifications in this rule are general, and so actual inspection will be necessary to verify adequate contestant safety prior to the event. If the commissioner has previously inspected the ring used by the promoter, the commissioner may waive the ten-day advance inspection.

**177.3(2) Bell.** A suitable bell or gong shall be provided and used.

**177.3(3) Time keeping.** The timekeeper shall be provided with a stopwatch and whistle.